Unaccompanied Youth Eligibility Flowchart HOMELESS: NOT HOMELESS: Is the student residing with someone who is not a SHOULD be enrolled as UHY under MV SHOULD NOT be enrolled as UHY under MV parent or court-appointed legal guardian? Why is the student with this person? Family was evicted; cannot find Parent transferred for work; plan housing all together; parent for student care & support in place placed child temporarily with a so student can stay to finish school friend or relative **NEED MORE INFORMATION** Student moved in with a friend, Student left home due to danger or extreme conflict; student was relative, or coach to play sports, be put out of home by parent for a in the band, attend a magnet similar reason school, etc. The family was homeless prior to Student did not change residences, Parent is incarcerated and a the parent's incarceration or the caregiver moved in; parent made relative or friend agreed to care caregiver arrangement is not arrangements for the student prior for the child fixed, regular, and adequate to incarceration The family lost housing; the parent Parent's work schedule was Parent enrolled the student and placed the child temporarily with problematic, so the child stays with then left the area a friend or relative relatives for school NOTE: The information contained in this flowchart is intended to serve as a general guide. All McKinney-Vento eligibility determinations should be made on a case-by-

NOTE: The information contained in this flowchart is intended to serve as a general guide. All McKinney-Vento eligibility determinations should be made on a case-by-case basis weighing the individual circumstances of each student. To be eligible for McKinney-Vento services as an unaccompanied homeless student, the student must meet the criteria of both homeless and unaccompanied.

Determining McKinney-Vento Eligibility of Unaccompanied Youth

1. Is the student residing with someone who is not his/her parent or court appointed guardian?

If yes, continue to the next question. If no, the student may be homeless, but is not unaccompanied.

2. Does the student meet the definition of homeless under McKinney-Vento?

These are sample questions that can be asked to determine McKinney-Vento eligibility. Reminder: *homeless* is defined as "lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence."

- Why is the student living with someone who is not his/her parent/guardian?
- Is the student placed in this residence as a temporary plan for housing because the entire family became homeless?
- Did the student leave home because of severe family conflict?
- How long can the student continue living where he or she is?
- Does the student have his or her own space/bedroom in the residence?
- Does the student have adequate privacy?
- Can the student come and go as needed?
- Where would the student live if not able to live there?
- What are the expectations of the student while staying there?

A student who is considered homeless (lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence) and unaccompanied (not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian) can be registered as an unaccompanied homeless youth under the McKinney-Vento Act.

A student who is not homeless, even though residing with a person other than the parent or court-appointed guardian, does not qualify as an unaccompanied homeless youth under the McKinney-Vento Act.

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